



## CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

May 31, 2005

### **S. 655**

#### **A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to the National Foundation for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions  
on April 27, 2005*

#### **SUMMARY**

S. 655 would modify the Public Health Service Act to increase the amount of the grants the Department of Health and Human Services is authorized to provide to the National Foundation of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) from \$500,000 per year to \$1,250,000 per year. The bill also would allow longer terms of voluntary service to be contributed from the Foundation to the CDC and would allow sharing of equipment and support services from the CDC to the Foundation.

CBO estimates that enacting S. 655 would cost \$500,000 in 2006 and \$3.5 million over the 2006-2010 period, assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts.

S. 655 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments. S. 655 would not affect direct spending or receipts.

#### **ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT**

The estimated budgetary impact of S. 655 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 550 (health).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars					
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
<b>SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION</b>						
Spending Under Current Law						
Estimated Authorization Level <sup>a</sup>	1	1	1	1	1	1
Estimated Outlays	1	1	1	1	1	1
Proposed Changes						
Estimated Authorization Level	0	1	1	1	1	1
Estimated Outlays	0	1	1	1	1	1
Spending Under S. 655 <sup>b</sup>						
Estimated Authorization Level <sup>a</sup>	1	1	1	1	1	1
Estimated Outlays	1	1	1	1	1	1

a. The 2005 level is the amount appropriated for that year.

b. Rows may not sum to totals because of rounding.

## BASIS OF ESTIMATE

The National Foundation for the CDC is a not-for-profit entity that raises private funds to support the work of the CDC. Under current law, CDC may accept the services of an individual who receives financial support from the Foundation for a period of up to two years. S. 655 would eliminate that two-year restriction. The bill would also allow the CDC to provide in-kind transfers and support services to the Foundation. Under current law, the Foundation receives \$500,000 in transfers from the funds appropriated to the Department of Health and Human Services. S. 655 would require HHS to transfer at least that amount, and would allow the department to transfer up to \$1,250,000 to the Foundation each year.

In addition to the \$500,000 that CBO expects will be transferred to the foundation each year under current law, CBO estimates that S. 655 would cost \$500,000 in 2006 and \$3.5 million over the 2006-2010 period, assuming the appropriation and transfer of the necessary amounts.

## **INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT**

S. 655 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the UMRA and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

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